Schools and Libraries Service Provider Conference Call – February 6, 2014

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1. Funding Commitments for FY2013, FY2012, FY2011, and FY2010
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1. **Funding Commitments for FY2013, FY2012, FY2011, and FY2010**

   For FY2013, USAC is funding approved Priority 1 (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access) requests at all discount levels. Here is a list of the regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
034	1/15/2014	$14.2 M
035	1/23/2014	$25.2 M
036	1/30/2014	$26.3 M
037	2/5/2014	$21.7 M

   For FY2012, USAC is funding approved Priority 2 (Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance) requests at 90 percent and denying for cap at 89 percent and below. Here is a list of the regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
074	1/16/2014	$23.3 M
075	1/24/2014	$ 92 T
076	2/6/2014	$ 4.9 M

For FY2011, USAC is funding approved Priority 2 requests at 88 percent and above and denying for cap at 87 percent and below. Here is a list of the regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
107	1/16/2014	$ 6.0 M

For FY2010, USAC is funding approved Priority 2 requests at all discount levels. Here is a list of the regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
119	1/17/2014	$532 T
120	2/6/2014	$ 2.3 M

2. **Update on FY2014 Filing Window**

The FY2014 application filing window will close March 26, 2014 at 11:59 PM EDT. The window will be open for 77 days.

For an applicant to post an FCC Form 470, wait 28 days, and still file an FCC Form 471 within the window, the FCC Form 470 must be posted to the USAC website (not simply postmarked) on or before February 26.

NOTE: If an applicant submits an Item 21 attachment online, service providers cannot view it until the applicant clicks the "Submit" button on the last page. If the applicant clicks "Save & Exit" at any point during the process, the applicant's work is saved to that point but the Item 21 attachment has not been submitted.

3. **Invoicing Update**

Payments for the month of January totaled $150,675,565.16 against requests for $203.6M. In total, 11,273 invoices were processed for 1,518 service providers. This represented 36,631 lines in January with 95 percent being completed within 30 days.

There were 2,612 lines in process as of February 5.

Invoice rejections

In the past month, the most common reasons for invoices being rejected were:

- The entire commitment amount was already paid.
- The invoice is or appears to be a duplicate.
- There is no FCC Form 486 on file.
- The service provider has not filed an FCC Form 473 for the appropriate funding year.
- The FRN has not yet been funded.

Service delivery extension requests

We have seen a rise in the number of service delivery extension requests filed for non-recurring service FRNs for which the deadline has already been extended (in other words, no request is necessary).

- Remember that the deadline is automatically extended for an additional year (generally to the following September 30) if a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL), SPIN change approval, or service substation approval is issued by USAC on or after March 1. If you have received one or more of these notifications, you should check them first to see if an extension has been granted automatically.
- The applicant may have requested an extension because (1) you could not complete deliver and installation for reasons beyond your control or (2) you were unwilling to complete delivery and installation because USAC withheld payment for more than 60 days on a properly submitted invoice. You should check the FRN Extension Table to see if an extension has been granted pursuant to an applicant request.

You should only ask the applicant to submit an extension request by using an FCC Form 500 if you need an extension beyond the deadline that has already been approved.

4. **Other**

We expect to be able to announce the spring service provider training locations and dates before the next monthly call. Please check the website regularly. We will also send out an announcement by email to all service providers that participate in the E-rate program as we did last year.

5. **General Questions Received by Email**

Q1. Is the additional cost for a mobile application for a school's website considered E-rate eligible?

A1. No, it is not.

Q2. In the SPIN Contact Search Tool, the Form 499 Filer column is blank for my SPIN, which means that its status is unverified. I need to know if I can receive E-rate funding for the services I provide.

A2. In general, service providers that provide Telecommunications Services and/or Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services must file FCC Form 499 on a regular basis. There are specific but limited exceptions and exemptions, which are detailed in the instructions for this form.

When a service provider successfully files an FCC Form 499, USAC issues a "499 Filer ID," an identification number that is then entered on the FCC Form 498. Unless the service provider falls under an exception or exemption, USAC cannot fund applicant funding requests in the Telecommunications Services category of service unless the service provider has a 499 Filer ID.

For more information, refer to the FCC Form 499 Instructions. You can find short descriptions of the exceptions and exemptions on pages 2-5. If you still have questions, call us at 1-888-641-8722 and choose the FCC Form 499 option (currently option 2).

REMINDER: Please send your questions for the next Service Provider Conference Call by following the instructions outlined on the Conference Call webpage of the USAC website.

Also, please watch the USAC website for other program updates.